

**IN THE UNITED STATED PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant: Salter et al.**

**U.S. Serial No. 10/578,935**

**Examiner: Gitomer, Ralph**

**Art Unit: 1651**

**Title: INHIBITION ASSAY METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETECTION OF  
ANTIBIOTICS**

**Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action, dated August 6, 2009, in Serial Number 10/578,935, filed May 9, 2006, the Applicant respectfully submits the enclosed Response and Amendment. The late response fee (4<sup>th</sup> month) is included herewith. If any additional fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicant requests that this be a Petition thereof. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account 50-3152.